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For: **INCORPORATION OF DRILLING CUTTINGS INTO STABLE LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES**

**MAIL STOP — AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

**I      INTRODUCTION**

Applicant's Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated February 17, 2005. In the Action, the examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicant to respond of three months from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, by May 17, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant's Amendment and Response is timely as it is filed on May 17, 2005, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8.